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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the requirement in as

much as it appears that it would not be a serious burden to search the art encompassing

all of the claims. It appears from the restriction requirement that the Examiner has already

conducted a search of subject matter related to Group II by noting a specific reference

related to the subject matter therein. Accordingly, it would not appear to be a serious

burden for the Examiner to search the subject matter related to Group I in combination with

Group II, or similarly to search all Groups combined.

CONCLUSION

Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the

restriction requirement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at the

telephone number provided below.

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